

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 REYKJA 00618 031726Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 ACDA-07
NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06 TRSE-00
NSC-05 IO-13 OMB-01 /078 W
-----040203Z 112465 /73

R 031658Z MAY 77

FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7258
INFO COMICEDEFOR
CINCLANT
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY OSLO
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
USMISSION NATO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE REYKJAVIK 0618

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, MARR, IC, US, NATO
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER REAFFIRMS GOI DEFENSE TIES

REF: REYKJAVIK 590

1. SPEAKING IN GENERAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE APRIL 28, PRIME
MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON REAFFIRMED GOI'S COMMITMENT TO NATO
MEMBERSHIP AND DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH US.

2. PRIMEMIN SAID, ACCORDING TO TEXT PUBLISHED OVER WEEKEND:
"THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON
SECURITY MATTERS. IN THE GOVERNMENT PLATFORM IT STATES:
'SECURITY OF THE NATION SHALL BE INSURED THROUGH MEMBERSHIP
IN NATO. THERE SHALL BE SPECIAL COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED
STATES AS LONG AS THERE FUNCTIONS HERE A DEFENSE AND SUR-
VEILLANCE BASE ON BEHALF OF NATO.' THE GOVERNMENT HAS CON-
FIRMED THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE BASE WITH REVIEW OF
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 REYKJA 00618 031726Z

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT. PRIOR TO
THE ELECTION OF 1974 THERE WAS DETAILED DISCUSSION OF
ICELAND'S SECURITY SITUATION WHICH AWAKENED NATIONAL
INTEREST IN THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE COUNTRY.
IT IS NECESSARY THAT THIS QUESTION BE UNDER CONTINUING
DISCUSSION AND THAT CLOSE ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO
DEVELOPMENTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. NOTHING IS

MORE IMPORTANT TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRY OR ITS
PEOPLE THAN INSURING SECURITY TO THE UTMOST EXTENT."

3. COMMENT: PRIMEMIN'S STATEMENT REFLECTED HIS
WELL-KNOWN VIEWS WHICH CONTRASTED SHARPLY
WITH THOSE OF FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON LAST WEEK (REFTEL).
IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT PRIMEMIN SHARPENED FOCUS
OF HIS STATEMENT WITH FONMIN'S COMMENTS IN MIND, AND IT
IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT HE WELCOMED TIMELY OPPORTUNITY
TO REMOVE ANY CONFUSION AS TO GOI POLICY ON BASE THAT
AGUSTSSON'S COMMENTS MAY HAVE ENGENDERED. NOTWITH-
STANDING PRIME MINISTER'S EXPECTED PUBLIC REASSURANCE
RE GOI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PRESENCE OF NATO FORCE, WE
BELIEVE IT WAS USEFUL TO TAKE UP FONMIN'S REMARKS
WITH HIM ON MAY 3. (REYKJAVIK 0616).

BLAKE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEMBERSHIP, ALLIANCE, SPEECHES, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, RELATIONS WITH REGIONAL ORGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 03-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977REYKJA00618
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770155-0677
Format: TEL
From: REYKJAVIK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770599/aaaadhxl.tel
Line Count: 78
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 91d2309b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 REYKJAVIK 590
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2655013
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRIME MINISTER REAFFIRMS GOI DEFENSE TIES
TAGS: PFOR, MARR, IC, US, NATO, (HALLGRIMSSON, GEIR)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/91d2309b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009